

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 205

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A RESOLUTION to designate June 2, 2013 as "A Soldier's Child Day" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, as citizens of the United States of America, we are forever indebted to the men and women who so unselfishly protect our freedoms; and

WHEREAS, because of the self-sacrificing efforts of the members of our nation's military, many children are left without parents; the mission of A Soldier's Child Birthday Foundation is to serve the children of fallen military personnel who have given their lives while on active duty while defending the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the organization aims to let children know that the memory of their parent will not fade away and that there are many Americans that are forever grateful for their parent's sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, with humbleness of heart, A Soldier's Child aims to honor the memory of the parent by giving a meaningful gift to his/her children on their birthday; the goal is for children adopted into the foundation to receive a gift each year until they reach adulthood; and

WHEREAS, in addition to birthday gifts, A Soldier's Child sponsors these young people to be able to attend Journey Camp, a place where they can network with other children who have lost parents to the brutality of war; and

WHEREAS, while no offering can properly relay our gratitude to the families of fallen veterans for their bravery in the line of fire and their dedication to preserving the blessed freedom that is inseparable from our American heritage and ideals, it is most appropriate that we should honor them to the full extent of our ability, as they have made untold and innumerable sacrifices to preserve the liberties we enjoy today and that our progeny will hopefully continue to cherish for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the service of A Soldier's Child Birthday Foundation is having a positive influence on the young people of this State and Nation and the observance of "A Soldier's Child Day" will help raise public awareness of the sacrifices that thousands of American families make for the sake of our freedom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby designate June 2, 2013 as "A Soldier's Child Day" in Tennessee, and encourage all Tennesseans to remember the fallen members of our military and their families.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.